MEETING TITLE: Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) Quarterly Meeting

DATE: January 12, 2006

Attendees:

Janna Bardi DOH (Department of Health) Immunization Program CHILD Profile Manager

Vicki Bouvier DOH Immunization Program CHILD Profile Maureen Brown Washington Academy of Family Practice

Carolyn Coyne Washington State Health & Recovery Services Administration

Vikki Davis Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officers (WSALPHO)

Jeff Duchin Public Health Seattle and King County
Jay Fathi Washington Academy of Family Practice
Jan Fleming DOH Director, Maternal and Infant Health

Patty Hayes DOH Assistant Secretary, Community and Family Health

Jan Hicks-Thomson DOH Immunization Program CHILD Profile

Jo Hofmann DOH State Epidemiologist Lisa Jackson Group Health Cooperative

Larry Jecha WSALPHO

Donna Larsen Public Health Nursing Director, Snohomish Health District

Ed Marcuse Consultant Timothy Moody WSALPHO

Carlos Quintanilla DOH Immunization Program CHILD Profile

Chris Spitters WSALPHO Ed Steinweg Consultant

Lin Watson DOH Immunization Program CHILD Profile

Donna Zimburean Washington State Chapter Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Facilitator:

Patty Hayes DOH Assistant Secretary, Community and Family Health

Recorder:

Claire Norby DOH Immunization Program

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I. Welcome and Introductions, Changes to Agenda	Assistant Secretary, Patty Hayes, welcomed meeting attendees, visitors, and new VAC members. Visitors included:	

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II.	Conflict of Interest Policy	The draft Conflict of Interest Policy was presented. Discussion followed. The policy was revised to delete identification of "5% or more" as a material financial interest, and to include receiving honoraria as an example of financial benefit. Patty Hayes noted that disclosing a conflict does not bar a person from participating in the discussion. She encouraged members, especially new members, to contact Janna Bardi with any questions. Handouts: Washington State VAC draft Conflict of Interest Policy, 1/12/06	The revised Conflict of Interest Policy was adopted and became effective immediately. (DOH circulated the policy to VAC members on 1/23/06)
III.	Action Items from the October 2005 Meeting • Meeting minutes approval		The 10/13/05 meeting minutes will be circulated at the 4/27/06 VAC meeting for approval.
IV.	Welcome New Members	 New VAC members were introduced: Vikki Davis BSN, Director of Nursing/Personal Health, Walla Walla County Health Department Dr. Larry Jecha, Health Officer, Benton Franklin Health District Dr. Timothy Moody, Health Officer, Adams, Garfield and Whitman County Health Departments Dr. Christopher Spitters, Health Officer, Asotin, Klickitat and Yakima County Health Departments 	
V.	Committee Membership Policy	The draft Membership Policy was discussed. The current policy: Membership is for a three-year term with an option to extend an additional term, for a total of six years. Organizations represented on the VAC have the option to extend their representatives' terms beyond	The revised Membership Policy was adopted and became effective immediately. (DOH circulated the policy to VAC

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	the current two three-year terms. In addition, the Washington State Health Officer, who chairs the Committee, appoints consultants representing private pediatric practice, the Children's Hospital, and Group Health. Consultants do not currently have defined terms of membership.	members on 1/23/06)
	The proposed policy: Member terms would be five years, with an option to extend one additional five-year term for a total of ten years. Organizations represented on the VAC will retain the option to extend their representatives' terms beyond the two five-year terms. For organizations and entities that have multiple members on the VAC, the terms will be staggered to avoid all representatives leaving their positions at the same time.	
	DOH will be adding a representative of internal medicine, as well as filling the second American Academy of Pediatrics position and the second state agency Medical Director position. Public Health Seattle and King County has been designated its own position on the VAC.	
	A question was raised regarding consultant voting. Patty Hayes said that consultants have not been barred from voting in the past and that the question would be marked for further discussion.	
	Handouts: Vaccine Advisory Committee, Washington State Department of Health draft Membership Policy Vaccine Advisory Committee Member Roster, 12/05	
VI. Meningococcal vaccine useACIP recommendationVAC recommendation	Janna Bardi reported that the DOH supplemental budget request for Meningococcal vaccine was based on the ACIP recommendation.	It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation.

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	It was pointed out that the VAC had made a previous recommendation for use of meningococcal vaccine during a vaccine shortage.	The VAC unanimously agreed to recommend full acceptance of the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practice's (ACIP) recommendations for use of meningococcal vaccine (Prevention and Control of Meningococcal Disease, May 27, 2005) for Washington State. The proposal was amended to include the VAC recommendation of August 12, 2005 regarding the use of meningococcal vaccine during a vaccine shortage. (DOH circulated the final recommendation to VAC members on 2/15/06)
	Handouts: Vaccine Recommendation Review, 1/12/06	
 VII. Hepatitis A vaccine use Hepatitis A disease in Washington State New ACIP age cohort recommendation Current implementation plan Potential impact of increased vaccine usage VAC recommendation 	Jo Hofmann, State Epidemiologist, presented on hepatitis A disease in Washington State. It was noted that in the 13 pilot counties in Washington State where hepatitis A vaccine is routinely given, the rates have dramatically lowered. Janna Bardi pointed out that hepatitis A is a vaccine that Washington State is already providing. She will be following up with OFM regarding the fiscal impact of the increased uptake of vaccine due to the change in recommendation from vaccinating children 2 – 18 years	It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation. The VAC unanimously agreed to recommend full acceptance of the ACIP provisional recommendations for use of hepatitis A vaccine (HAV) to vaccinate children (October 2005) for Washington State.
	to vaccinating children 1 – 18 years. Handouts: "Incidence of Hepatitis A – Washington and United States, 1985-2004" "Incidence of hepatitis A by age – United States, 1990-2003" Vaccine Recommendation Review, 1/12/06	Additionally, the Department of Health Immunization program should provide HAV for all children from age 12 months through 18 years in Washington State.

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VIII. Measles/Mumps/Rubella/ Varicella (MMRV) Vaccine	The July 2004 VAC combination vaccine recommendation was reviewed. MMR-V was discussed as an example of the intricacies of purchasing, distributing, and administering combination vaccines. Janna Bardi described the process DOH goes through each April to determine which vaccines to purchase. Typically, the least expensive vaccines are chosen. The July 2004 combination vaccine recommendation was revised to read: If the incremental cost of licensed combination vaccines containing antigens recommended by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) is reasonable, and safety and efficacy comparable, then the DOH/Immunization Program should consider making them available to providers. Handouts: Vaccine Recommendation Review, 1/12/06	It was moved and seconded to accept the amended VAC combination vaccine recommendation. (DOH circulated the final recommendation to VAC members on 2/15/06.)
State Board of Health Advisory Committee on School and Child Care Center Immunization Requirements Workgroup to Develop Criteria for the Relative Public health Value of Vaccine Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Vaccine Summit	Cynthia Shurtleff, Washington IACW reported on the Vaccine Summit held 12/20/05 with representatives from private and public health and academia. There were 37 participants out of 50 invitees. Three themes were identified through open dialogue: Marketing health values to the public, identifying the benefits of the universal system, and identifying the resources necessary to continue the universal system. The group will meet again after the legislative session has ended in March to discuss more thoroughly the themes identified during this meeting. Handouts: Immunization Policy Work, 1/12/06	

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 X. Updates: Supplemental request Influenza vaccination efforts/vaccine supply Vaccine supply Vaccine Management Business Improvement Project (VMBIP) Janna Bardi	Jan Hicks-Thomson reported that DOH distributed approximately 190,000 doses of flu vaccine and that there are no vaccine shortages at this time. DOH has already started pre-booking for the 2006-2007 flu season. She said that it looked like there would be four flu vaccine providers. Work continues on the development of training and implementation plans for the statewide transition to third party vaccine distribution that will occur as a result of VMBIP. Washington is slated to make the move to third party distribution in early summer 2006. Ed Marcuse noted the need for a mechanism to make vaccines available during the time between VFC availability of vaccine and Washington State's universal availability of vaccine. Ed Marcuse also stated that the mercury-free issue should come before the VAC. Handouts: Immunization Program Updates, 1/12/06	
XI. Visitors – Open Microphone	There were no comments.	